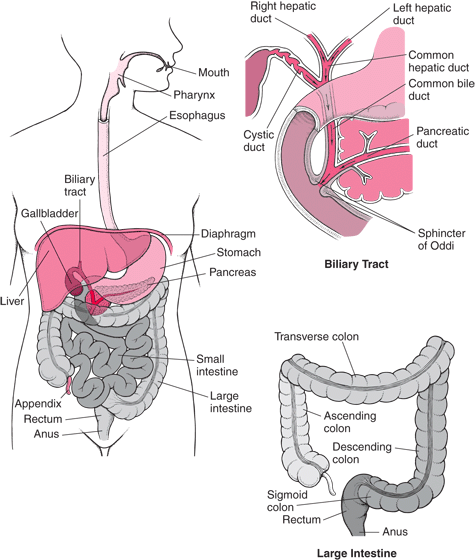
**What is the Digestive System?**

The digestive system is an organ system tasked with turning food into nutrients and packaging the residue for disposal. The nutrients help the body with energy levels, growth and cell repair.

**What Does the Digestive System Look Like?**



**Mouth**: Chews up food and begins breaking down food to be used by the body

**Esophagus**: Transfers food from the mouth to the stomach

**Stomach**: Breaks down food using acid and enzymes

**Small Intestine**: Breaks down food and absorbs nutrients

**Pancreas**: Gives off digestive enzymes, used in the small intestine

**Liver**: Process nutrients absorbed by the small intestine

**Gallbladder**: Stores bile, and then released it into the small intestine

**Colon**: Processes waste left over from the digestive process, first in liquid state and then in solid form

**Rectum**: Receives waste from the colon and transfer it to the anus.

**Anus**: Uses muscles to push waste out of the body

**Three Questions**

1. What is the main purpose of the Esophagus?

2. What does the Liver excrete into the Small Intestine, and what does it help to do?

3. How does the Rectum work?